

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 669

Introduced by Assembly Member La Suer

February 17, 2005

An act to add Section 1279.1 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 669, as introduced, La Suer. Hospitals: infection control policy.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of health facilities, as defined, by the State Department of Health Services. A violation of those provisions is a misdemeanor.

This bill would require any licensed general acute care hospital, acute psychiatric hospital, or special hospital to make its infection control policy available on its Internet Web site. By changing the definition of a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1279.1 is added to the Health and Safety
- 2 Code, to read:

1 1279.1. Any facility licensed pursuant to subdivision (a), (b),
2 or (f) of Section 1250 shall make available on its Internet Web
3 site the facility's infection control policy.

4 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
5 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
6 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
7 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
8 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the
9 penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section
10 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition of a
11 crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the
12 California Constitution.